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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

Part I. CCoA General Meeting, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale & Executive Meeting Center

1. Welcome - Cheryl Brown, CCoA Chair

Chair Brown welcomed Commissioners and guests.

2. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Commissioners Present In-Person: Cheryl Brown, Joe Cislowski, Janet Frank, Debbie Meador, Rita Saenz, Ellen Schmeding, Dana Toppel, Kim Carr

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguera, Faisal Qazi, David Lindeman, Erika Castile, Meea Kang

Commissioners Absent: Brendalynn Goodall, Anni Chung, Shelley Lyford, Sedalia Sanders

Staff Present In-Person: Karol Swartzlander, Leza Coleman, Marcella Villanueva, Marijke Melman, Peter Anderson, Patrick Smith

Guests Present In-Person: Michael Costa,

Present via Zoom Guests: Jim Donnelly

A quorum was established.

4. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Toppel/Meador)

TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2023, CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

APPROVED.

Abstentions: None

5. Approve the CCoA General Meeting Minutes from March 14-15, 2023.

M/S/C (Schmeding/Sanders)

TO APPROVE THE CCOA GENERAL MEETING MARCH 14-15, 2023 MINUTES.

APPROVED.

Abstentions: one – Commissioner Frank abstained.

6. Public Comment - None

7. Chair's Comments

Chair Brown welcomed the commissioners, staff, and guests and provided an overview of the day; the Commission General Meeting, followed by a forum, "Living in the Community: The Housing Crisis that No One is Talking About."

Chair Brown congratulated Commissioner Adleman on her appointment to the California Health and Human Services Agency Behavioral Health Task Force.

8. Executive Committee Report

- A. Ratification of Recommendations from Legislative Advocacy Committee
Chair Brown announced the ratification of the April 4 recommendations from the Legislative Advisory Committee, including establishing Ad Hoc committees on Behavioral Health and Workforce Development.
- B. Debrief: March 15, 2023, Legislative Visits
Chair Brown provided a debriefing of the March 15, 2023, legislative member/staff visits.
 - Discussion - None
 - Public Comment - None

9. CCoA Sponsored Bills Update

Commissioner Kang and Leza Coleman provided an update on the CCoA sponsored bills.

AB 770 (Kalra D) Residential care facilities for the elderly
AB770 was heard in two policy committees and is now in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The Human Services Committee chair proposed significant bill amendments which would stipulate 30% of new beds be filled by low-income residents, such as those participating in the Supplemental Security Income and State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) program.

AB 820 (Reyes D) State boards and commissions: seniors
AB 820 is making its way through the legislative process, having received unanimous support. The bill has been placed on the consent calendar for the Assembly floor vote.

SB 544 (Laird D) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act
SB 544 continues successfully through the legislative process despite opposition from Democracy First, ACLU, and various media associations. Staff have been working to draw attention to the bill as an equity and social justice issue bill. The bill is intended to ensure all voices, even those that cannot easily travel or participate in-person, are afforded the opportunity of equal access to serve on statewide boards and commissions.

- Discussion

It was noted that the Marin County Commission on Aging would be discussing AB 187 and SB 411. Staff commented that AB 187 is a budget bill and SB 411 deals with the Brown Act, which impacts local meetings. Staff noted that the CCoA-sponsored bill, SB 544, deals with Bagley Keene and state bodies, while the Brown Act affects local city and county public meetings.

- Public Comment - None

10. Legislative Committee Report

Commissioner Adelman acknowledged that, as of May 8, the Commission had taken positions on 56 bills: 51 in support, two in opposition, and three sponsored. She thanked the staff for their work.

A. CCoA Bill List Update

Staff reported that of the 43 active bills that CCoA supported, 35 are in the respective appropriations committees of their house of origin, and 16 are on the respective suspense files. Eight bills have passed their respective houses of origin. Additionally, five bills have been held by the author and may become two-year bills with three bills not passing their initial policy committees transitioning into two-year bills.

B. CCoA Budget Update

Leza Coleman provided a summary of the following budget requests:

- \$200 million request by the Public Guardian to augment the Public Guardian's existing funding to address the 26 percent increase in cases.
- \$240 million request by the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) for In-Home Supportive Services administration.
- \$70 million request by CWDA for emergency services and disaster relief.
- \$1 million request by CWDA for planning groups.
- \$30 million request by CWDA for workforce recruitment diversity.
- \$500 million requested for home stabilization by Justice in Aging for four-year grants for rental assistance for older adults who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- \$22 million request by Justice in Aging to increase the housing allowance for individuals living in skilled nursing facilities.

- Discussion - None
- Public Comment - None

11. Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Update

Michael Costa, Executive Director, C4A

Michael Costa discussed C4A's \$23 million budget request that includes a local match for the federal caregiver program and augmentation for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program.

- Discussion

It was noted that there has been a decrease in the desire or access for congregate meals, the benefits of grab and go meals, and the acknowledgment that national trade associations need to examine the issue.

- Public Comment – None

12. **Master Plan for Aging (MPA) and Related Stakeholder Advisory Committees**

A. Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council (Commissioner Schmeding)
Commissioner Schmeding announced that the Council has yet to meet but is expected to meet before the next general meeting.

B. Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (Commissioner Castile)

Commissioner Castile announced that the Committee has yet to meet but is expected to meet before the next general meeting.

C. Equity in Aging Advisory Group (Commissioners Adelman and Brown)
Commissioners Adelman and Brown announced that the Advisory Group has yet to meet but is expected to meet before the next general meeting.

D. California Aging and Disability Research Partnership (Commissioner Lindeman)
Commissioner Lindeman announced that the Partnership has yet to meet but is expected to meet before the next general meeting.

E. Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee (Swartzlander)
Executive Director Swartzlander reported that there have been significant discussions in the committee which will be discussed in more detail at the next CCoA meeting. She also noted that once the OnBoard platform is up and running, all ADRC related information will be posted for Commissioners to review.

F. California 2030 (Commissioner Saenz and Swartzlander)
It was emphasized that the committee would gather information, interviewing Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and their clients to examine the needs of older adults. A national research center will conduct a community assessment survey with California older adults. Inquiries were made regarding the inclusion of questions regarding sexual identity/sexual orientation, and it was noted that the specific questions have yet to be released.

- Discussion
Discussion included the need for ADRCs and managed care plans to connect with AAAs more effectively, establish strong prevention measures, expand the home community-based brokerage model, examine health plan reimbursement rates, and increase coordination with philanthropic and other public service agencies.
- Public Comment – None

13. **Staff Report (Swartzlander)**

A. Administrative Updates

Executive Director Swartzlander provided highlights of the Commission's recent activities, welcomed Peter Anderson as a retired annuitant, and thanked the Triple A Council of California advisory council members who are attending in-person and online.

B. New Ad Hoc Committees: Behavioral Health, Work Force Development, and 50th Anniversary Planning

Executive Director Swartzlander announced the formation of three new ad hoc committees – Behavioral Health, Workforce Development, and a CCoA 50th anniversary celebration planning committee. C4A executive director Michael Costa and AAA director Dr. Laura Trejo will be invited to participate in the Behavioral Health committee, as the committee will review the Governor's Mental Health Services Act modernization proposal. The Workforce Development Committee will commence in the fall, building upon the CCoA's operational plan and including working on the K-12 lifespan curriculum development.

C. CCoA Operational Plan

Executive Director Swartzlander provided an update on the CCoA Operational Plan.

D. Communications Update

Staff provided an update on the launch of CCoA's rebranding efforts.

E. 2023 General Meeting Schedule

Executive Director Swartzlander reviewed the meeting schedule and announced that the next meeting would be September 11, 2023, in San Francisco.

1. September 11, 2023 (San Francisco)
2. November 9, 2023 (Virtual)

F. 2024 General Meeting Schedule

1. January 25, 2024: (Virtual) "What Legislative Staff Need to Know" 10 am to 12 pm
2. March 18-19, 2024: (Hybrid), Legislative Breakfast and visits (In-person)
3. May (Hybrid) and Forum will correspond with the C4A Conference (date TBD)
4. June 26-27, 2024: (Hybrid), CCoA 50th Anniversary Event and General Meeting (In-person)
5. October 21, 2024: (Hybrid) and field trip (In-person), location TBD

Commissioner Brown suggested the Commission recognize 100-year-old Californians in future years, prior to recessing the meeting at 11:40 a.m. for a lunch break.

Part II. CCoA Sponsored Forum: Aging in Community: The Affordable Housing Crisis that No One is Talking About, 12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Location: Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale & Executive Meeting Center

14. Welcome

Cheryl Brown, CCoA Chair

Chair Brown welcomed attendees and introduced the speakers.

15. Keynote Presentation

Dr. Margot Kushel, Professor of Medicine and Division Chief at the Division of Vulnerable Populations at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Director of the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Center for Vulnerable Populations and UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative Discussed why the homeless population is aging, how this problem was created and what can be done to address the housing shortage.

16. Video Address

Karen Bass, Mayor of Los Angeles

Discussed the efforts in Los Angeles for a safe and affordable place to call home, the enactment of tenant protections, and efforts to bring individuals into safe housing with wrap around services.

17. Opening Remarks

Meea Kang, Commissioner and Senior Vice President, Related California

Discussed the continuum of care, importance of independent living, personal care services, assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, and lack of state funding.

18. Panel Discussion:

Dr. Joshua Bamberger, Clinical Professor, Family Community Medicine, School of Medicine, UCSF

Discussed the importance of ending homelessness while not taking from the existing health care system. Examined San Francisco's efforts and the importance of maintaining a continuum of care and meeting individual's needs.

Doug Shoemaker, President Mercy Housing

Tim Dunn, Associate Director of Nonprofit Real Estate Development, Housing Developer with Mercy Housing

Discussed senior housing in San Francisco, Mercy Housing, the importance of service enriched housing, and the need for state and city funding.

Dan McDonald, Senior Business Development Officer, Community Vision California

Discussed importance of client relationships, affordable community living such as Community Vision California and Magnolia Crossing in Clovis, which provides a home-like environment including assisted living and memory care. Emphasized the importance of individuals living in an interactive and mixed income community.

Michael Siglala, Board President, Innovative Development and Living Solutions of California

Discussed urban planning initiatives with private partners.

Presentations were followed by guided Q&A with Moderator **Valerie Coleman**, Program Analyst, San Francisco Department of Disability and Aging Services.

19. **Adjourn** at 2:15 p.m.